November 25, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO:       City and County Superintendents

FROM:     Eric G. Mackey
           State Superintendent of Education

RE:       NAEP Postponement

I hope that you are preparing for some much-deserved time to rest and rejuvenate over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. I would not normally write you this close to the holidays, but I have just received official notice from the National Assessment Governing Board that the previously scheduled National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) mathematics and reading tests for Grades 4 and 8 have been postponed from 2021 to 2022.

Therefore, Alabama schools will not administer the NAEP in January 2021 as previously planned. Though details have not been determined, the notice states that the tests will be rescheduled for 2022 (as opposed to simply skipping the 2021 administration and restarting the tests in 2023). We will share information with you and your test coordinators as more details are determined.

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cc:        System Test Coordinators
           System Curriculum Coordinators
           Dr. Daniel Boyd
           Mrs. Angela Martin
           Mrs. Maggie Hicks

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